

**MINUTES  
ISABELLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
IN-PERSON**

**Isabella County Commission on Aging, Room A  
2200 S. Lincoln Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
April 14th, 2026  
1:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Vice-Chairman Hope in conference room A/B of the Commission on Aging, 2200 S. Lincoln Rd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Hybrid Meeting (In-person).

**Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was led by Chairman Engler.**

**Commissioners Present:** Tobin Hope, Frank Engler, Steve Swaney, Steve Weber, James Moreno, Jerry Jaloszynski and Bob Campbell.

**Commissioner Absent:** None

**Also present:** Administrator/Controller Brian Smith and County Clerk Minde B. Lux.

**Approval of Agenda:** It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to accept the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

**General Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:** None

**Goal Setting Session:** County Administrator/Controller Brian Smith reviewed the 2025 goals from last year.

- ✓ 10-year projections are now being done and produced to the commissioners.  
The landfill request to see if it could become a solar power area was looked into and it was determined to not be feasible for the County.
- ✓ The Road Patrol is being worked on to try and budget to get it back. There are 2 road patrol officers back on the road so far.
- ✓ The Administration Building remodeling project: Progressive is on track and working on the architectural side and should be done with their part by June 1, 2026 so we can go out to bid.

- ✓ The wage study project was accomplished and currently the board is looking into taking the remaining 2 years step increase and budgeting it into 1 year.
- ✓ Human Resource now has a full-time employee hired. This employee is getting all the training needed.
- ✓ OPIOID Committee has been formed and there are two more openings that need to be filled There are 11 members and 2 subcommittees.
- ✓ The budget financials were presented and reviewed by Finance Director Chris Witmer.
- ✓ Commissioner Moreno stated that he would like to discuss the possibility of looking into the townships budgets to see if they could afford to fund some of the road patrol. Sheriff Main explained some of pros and cons with this.
- ✓ Commissioner Campbell made a suggestion to look at possibly selling the extra property by the jail due to it not being needed with the administration building remodel. They discussed future options with the old jail.
- ✓ Commission Moreno asked if there was any progress with a land bank and where we were on this.
- ✓ Commissioner Campbell asked if a Data Base Center was possible for Isabella County.
- ✓ Register of Deeds Chief Deputy, Betty Wright read a letter to the Board of Commissioners on behalf of Register of Deeds, Karen Jackson. The letter reviewed the need for another employee and the amount of over-time they are doing.

Chairman Engler closed the goal setting.

**General Public Comment: None**

**Announcements: None**

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Swaney at 2:38 p.m.